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SUMMARY.

The "Daily Mail" reports that King Edward is using strong influence with the Czar to secure peace, and also an amelioration of the condition of the Jews.

Semi-official Japanese newspapers report an open rupture with Russia as a matter of course.

The United States Minister at Seoul considers that the situation is very grave. Rioting is feared among the Korean soldiers.

Owing to conflicts between the Japanese and Koreans, a rifle regiment of full strength has been sent to Korea to protect Russian interests.

The "Times" says there is little room to doubt that Russia means to precipitate a conflict.

The "Times" adds that the sending of a Russian fleet to Korea is calculated to have a disastrous influence.

Counter proposals have been made by Russia.

It is hoped at St. Petersburg that the negotiations will be satisfactory to Japan, and that peace will be announced at the Russian Christmas.

The "Vossische Zeitung" says that Russia is working to show her reply after a basis for peace and to throw the blame on Japan if there is a war.

It is generally believed that Russia's reply to Japan is decidedly dilatory, to enable further reinforcements to be sent to the Far East.

All news of the movements of troops and warships has been prohibited at Tokyo.

Trustworthy Vladivostok reports received at Tokyo indicate that the Russian squadrons are preparing for action.

A cruiser at Port Arthur has sailed with a small landing force, it is believed, for Chumou.

The "Novoye Vremya" in a pessimistic article, says that war is coming nearer and nearer.

The "Novoye Vremya" holds that the Chauvinism of the Japanese newspapers and people is responsible.

The Korean Charge d'Affaires in London says that Korea will not agree to the northern frontier being converted into a neutral zone.

Lloyd's quotations against the risk of war within a month is nominally 50 guineas per cent.

The Duke of Marlborough, in opening the Colonial Products Exhibition at Liverpool, said he believed that the Empire would become self-sufficing.

Lord Rosebery, at Edinburgh, said Mr. Deakin's invitation that the pre-arranged trade proposals did not emanate from the Government.

The Army and Navy Board at Washington urge the immediate fortification of Subic and Manila Bays.

An explosion in two dynamite buildings at Hayle blew four men to atoms, and injured another man fatally.

Lord Tennyson will leave South Australia for England by the R.M.S. Omrah on January 13.

Lady Rawson opened a bazaar in aid of the Children's Ministering League at Boroal yesterday.

The State Cabinet decided yesterday that Parliament should be convened on January 13 to pass a Redirection of Seats Bill.

Mr. Terry is actively canvassing for the Sydney electorate. Other candidates are waiting for a definite selection by the Liberal and Reform League.

Members of the Parliamentary Labour party are making a hard fight to secure the return of Mr. Ritchie for Illawarra.

A number of members of the Opposition are assisting Mr. Allen, the reform candidate, but there is no straight-out Ministerial nominees.

Mr. Carruthers delivered an address at Dulce last night, and declared that his position at the end of the financial year will be rosy.

The final referendum vote was as follows: 20,273 for 10 members, 62,171 for 125, and 12,318 for 100.

The informal votes as far as they could be counted were: For 50, 21,415; for 125, 19,092; and for 100, 219.

In only one electorate—the Barrier—was there a majority in favour of the retention of the present strength of the Legislative Assembly.

In Bland, Gwydir, Darling, and Newcastle, labour electors, there was heavy voting for 125 members.

A largely attended meeting of the council of the Free-trade League was held last night, when the question of propaganda was considered.

It was resolved to continue the work of the central organisation, and to establish branches throughout New South Wales.

The Labour party held a caucus at Parliament yesterday, but no decision was arrived at.

The labour members decided not to make known the nature of the Federal session, which will begin on March 2, will last for eight or nine months.

The Science Congress has been opened at Dunedin.

The Government Veterinarian in New Zealand says that anthrax and swine fever exist in Australia.

He declares that swine fever is now South Wales and Victoria is called contagious pneumonia.

The Water and Sewerage Board has been instructed that works costing over £20,000 must be referred to the Public Works Commission.

During last quarter the arrivals in Western Australia exceeded the departures by 1605, and the gain for the year was 14,574.

Mr. Butler, commercial agent in the East, reports that there are splendid possibilities of trade with the construction of a canal.

Mr. Ferguson, M.L.A. before the Public Works Committee, yesterday advocated purchasing the Stephens Creek works for the Barrier water supply.

The Queensland Government has expressed itself in favour of enclosing immigration provided the immigrants are not likely to become a burden on the State.

The Commonwealth returning officers have been granted an annual allowance of £25.

The new schooner Marva, which left Sydney on September 18 for Herberston, has not arrived, and it is believed that she has been lost.

Mr. Deall, the engineer, was murdered in the engine-room. The other members took place on board and on shore.

Recently the natives took charge of the steamer and sailed away. They have not since been heard of.

A contract has been let by the Sydney Waterworks Limited for the construction of a new steam to carry 1100 passengers.

The annual statistics issued from the Government Shipping Master's Office show a very large falling off in the passenger traffic.

A singular fact is that whilst the arrivals of adult males decreased by 10,781, the arrivals of women and children only decreased by 863.

During last year the number of ships which arrived in Sydney decreased by 86, representing a reduction of 55,250 tons.

There was an increased number of sales of investment securities on the Stock Exchange yesterday, but business is still quiet at unaltered prices.

A fair amount of business was transacted in the Mining market. Silver shares were strongest, but otherwise there was little change.

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WILL BONA FIDE meet M. same time and place appointed next Saturday? Satisfactory explanation.

WILL Lady who got out of train at railway at Liverpool street, about 10.40 a.m. yesterday, communicate at once with C. F., G.P.O.

URGENT.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Half-Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Commercial Building Company of Sydney, Limited, will be held at the Rooms of Messrs. J. H. B. & Co., 111, George-street, Sydney, on FRIDAY, the nineteenth day of December, 1903, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors for the half year ending on the 30th September, 1903, and to transact any business that may be brought before the meeting in connection with the report and the Articles of Association.

By order of the Board: J. A. DIBBS, General Manager.

Sydney, 21st December, 1903.

THE BOARDING SCHOOL FOR BOYS
 Mr. H. C. KENNEDY will meet Parents and Friends of the Boarding School for Boys, at the Victoria Hotel, Esplanade Building, Sydney, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 25th, 26th and 27th January, 1904, from 2 to 4 p.m. The ladies attended on Wednesday and Thursday.

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THE HEALTH COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the health committee of the City Council was held yesterday afternoon. The Lord Mayor (Alderman S. E. Lees) occupied the chair.

The first business was the election of a vice chairman. Alderman Hailston nominated Alderman T. West for the position, and Alderman R. D. Meagher was nominated by Alderman Mackey. The voting was in favour of Alderman Meagher, who returned thanks for the compliment paid him.

THE GARRAGE DESTRUCTOR.

A report was submitted by the city surveyor on the working of the garage destructor in

the fortnight ended January 2. During the first week of the fortnight 248 tons 14cwt of garbage was burnt at a total cost of £34 2s 8½d equalling 43 tons 3½cwt per day, at a cost of 2s 8½d per ton. During the last week 340 tons 3½cwt of garbage was burnt at a total cost of £40 1s, equalling 56 tons 17½cwt, at a cost of 2s 4d per ton.

Alderman Richards complained that the garbage destructor was not being worked upon up-to-date methods. The surplus heat should

be used for the manufacture of flags for street-paving, which would be found preferable to tar-paving. He urged that the committee should insist on the waste heat being used in accordance with a resolution of the council. The chairman said there was a resolution on the council to the effect quoted by Alderman Richards, but the reason why it had not been carried out did not seem very clear. The matter would be referred to the city surveyor for report.

CITY STREET CLEANSING.

Mr. Gordon, city surveyor, furnished the

health committee with a report in reply to one from the Tramway Department, in which it was stated that "the tramway staff commenced cleaning the streets at 7.30 o'clock on Monday and that the grooves were cleaned simultaneously with the street cleaning by the council." The city surveyor stated that the sweeping of the streets by the council's staff was finished at 5 a.m. Cleaning by the tramway staff was not binding was the means of increasing the dust and mud nuisance; it would be considered much better if the tramway staff were to sweep the streets, as the council did. In regard to the statement contained in the tramway report

the engineer's report with reference to dust being swept on to the council's area and left there for a day or two, the city surveyor stated that he might mention King-street, William-street, College and Oxford streets corner, St. Vincent and La Harpe streets, and Cleveland street, between Elizabeth and Crown streets. The last-named site was visited by several members of the works committee recently, and the deposits of dust were noted.

On the motion of Alderman Jones, it was decided to recommend to the finance committee that a sum of £20 be set aside for the purpose of having the streets between Elizabeth and Crown streets, which are the worst of street dirt, swept.

It was also decided, on the motion of Alderman Richards, that steps should be taken towards establishing a moveable system for street-cleaning.

QUEEN VICTORIA CONSUMPTIVES' HOMES

An application from the secretary of the Queen Victoria Homes for Consumptives for the use of the Exhibition Building and portion of Prince Alfred Park for the purpose of holding a floral fête in aid of the funds of the homes on April 21, 22, and 23 next, was granted.

HOMR (MILITARY) DEFENCES.
TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.
 Sir,—On December 25 you published a letter from me in which I tried to show in a few words the total unpreparedness of Australia in case of war. However, no one seems to care, or to take any notice of the matter. "Old Volunteer," for some astounding reason, declares Australia immune from attack, and quotes as his authority a French paper, which, in such ridiculous indifference to the facts of the case, is yesterday's paper. Mr. Chaseman, Federal Minister for Defence

declared that Australia was prepared for emergency cases. In what way? Here in this State, as before stated, we have six miserable field guns, and almost useless. We have not enough rifles to equip a tenth of the adult male population, and we had we could use no modern weapons. We have no money for fighting. But nobody cares. We have never been attacked by an enemy, and the average colonial mind evidently is not capable of grasping the fact that it is possible for something to happen that has not happened before. Meanwhile we have a highly-paid staff of militia officers, whose one duty seems attending some

A cable published a few days ago informed us that Canada had ordered 12 batteries of field artillery, 72 guns of the most modern pattern. New South Wales has 12 old guns, and the head of the band knows something about it. She has some 200 field guns, 300 heavy field guns and post-pieces as many rifles as she could possibly get made to use and her own ammunition factories.

I stated before, and it must be patent to every one, that with Australia's present equipment—musket, rifle, and ammunition she will fall like a ripe plum into the mouth of the first invader, and she will be a mere bone for the teeth of the first conqueror. There must be a final war, sooner or later, and from developments in the East it will be sooner than we like. England, involved with two or three Continental wars, will be unable to give us no assistance. Properly equipped, we should need none. With a few efficient soldiers and twenty sufficient rifles, and a capable ammunition store, we could hold our own against any invader. Let the Commonwealth awake to the gravity of this situation. If Australia is a nation, let her take

her place among nations. Australians can fight and give them material to fight with. Let the world see that if we become involved in an argument we can back it up without creeping behind our mother's skirts. It will be a good thing for Australia to be the motherland. We want to militarize and make soldiers of Australians. Every man is a soldier, or would become one with a week's training. We want guns, rifles, ammunition. Let us get them. We are infants, and no wonder foreigners laugh when the name "Australia" is mentioned abroad.

I am, &c., CAPTAIN COOK,
January 5.

LAND TAXATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Your able leader in to-day's issue opens up very important aspect in connection with land in value. It clearly shows that the re-valuation of the State is being done piecemeal, which is very unfair to the taxpayer. If land values have risen in particular districts they should be done simultaneously, or rather, the charge should be. All taxpayers would then be treated alike. Under the present system, some are taxed more than others, and some are not at all. **EDWARD BROWN, JR.** (District Attorney, Berkeley, Cal.)

others are left off, perhaps for years. Those there at those in whose locality the value have fallen. Those who have time and money object, and take down cases to court or employ keen agents to wear down the value; the others pay the piper. There are three officers; constantly employed travelling through the country. They are not men of letters, but men of action with a touch of brass. There are, of course, more than three assessors, but the others are nearly always in the office, and the work done by them must necessarily be from a superficial knowledge. How can a man do satisfactory work unless they inspect the land and keep themselves in touch with all that is going on?

going on in their situation. I am, &c.,
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 JOHN THOMPSON.

PAYMENT OF MEMBERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.
 Sir.—The Natal legislators have expressed the

pinion that it would be better for the State of
Natal's example of non-payment of members was
followed. There is not the slightest doubt of this
but they have not considered what would become of
our professional politicians. They would be thrown
out of the country and have to work for their
living the same as the people who are now being
to support them. Even the supporting them would
not be so bad if they had done nothing, and had not
passed the iniquitous laws they have to worry and
harass the people and to create bills for their
friends and supporters. Every new bill passed adds
fresh burdens, and I think we ought to be let alone

spent in replying; such bill as very pronounced
 Act, Stock and Pastures, and many others. When
 members threaten to oppose any bill for the redistrib-
 ution of seats it shows some of them intend to die
 very hard. I am, &c., JOHN THOMAS.

THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have read with great interest Mr. Crisp's
 letter in your issue of to-day upon the above sub-
 ject. I am glad to find that you are not alone in
 your opinion that the Federal Government should
 be located in the State of Maryland.

every word there beyond all the future
federal capital should be situated on the ground
of water of these times, and should have its
own port. Twofold Bay fulfils these conditions; it
possesses the finest of climates, it has a magnificent
source of water supply in the head waters of the
Tumbarumba River, and the situation is in every way
conducive to the health of the district.

Should it be decided that the future
capital of New South Wales be situated
there, I think that it would be inadvisable to
locate the Twofold Bay settlement indicated in the
accompanying sketch on the south side of the
Victorian State boundary. The area would be very

belly about equal to double the area provided by the
state, and to this, under the circumstances, the
people of this State would readily agree. I am,
January 6, GEORGE PITTS.

Mrs. W. A. GROVE, Sterling Centre, Maine, writes
"I was taken with a HARKER, DRY CODGER, and
grew steadily worse by night, about 1900, and
dropping into Coma. JAYNE'S EXPECTORANT
CURED ME IN LESS THAN TEN DAYS."—adm.

An interesting illustrated article, "Life in
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